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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO AMEND ITS POLICIES TO  
REQUIRE HEALTH EDUCATION IN PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS AND  
CLARIFY SEXUAL HEALTH EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS AND  
ENCOURAGING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION TO RESCIND A BAN ON CONDOM DISTRIBUTION FOR ALL  
PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, the mission of the Board of Education is to  
2 promote excellence and equity in Hawaii's public schools and  
3 enable all students to meet their own unique and varied  
4 potentials; and

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6 WHEREAS, section 321-11.1, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
7 requires state-funded sexuality health education to be medically  
8 accurate and age appropriate and include education on  
9 abstinence, contraception, and methods of disease and pregnancy  
10 prevention; and

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12 WHEREAS, Hawaii's teen pregnancy rate is tenth highest  
13 among the states; and

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15 WHEREAS, teen childbearing costs Hawaii taxpayers  
16 \$32,000,000 per year, 71 percent of which are state and local  
17 costs; and

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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii has historically high rates of teen  
20 pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, such as chlamydia;  
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23 WHEREAS, Hawaii's high school students report the lowest  
24 percentage of condom use of any state in the nation; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Adolescent Reproductive Health Survey  
27 (2012), a survey on community attitudes toward sexual health  
28 education in Hawaii, concluded that 97 percent of survey  
29 participants said that it was important or very important to



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1 have sexual health education as part of the school curriculum;  
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4 WHEREAS, education is the key to reducing the number of  
5 cases of sexually transmitted disease and the number of teen  
6 pregnancies and to building stronger families and a healthier  
7 future for Hawaii; and

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9 WHEREAS, it is the intent of this body to ensure that the  
10 youth of Hawaii have the skills and tools necessary to make  
11 healthy and responsible decisions with regard to their sexual  
12 and reproductive health, through programs in the public school  
13 system or through other means; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the  
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Board of Education  
18 is encouraged to adopt Policy 102.9 to require health education  
19 for middle school students and Policy 103.5 to clarify sexual  
20 health education requirements, including that parents can opt  
21 their children out of sexual health programs; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education and the  
24 Department of Education are encouraged to rescind proposed  
25 Policy 103.8, which bans condom distribution on school campuses  
26 and at school events and activities; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
30 Board of Education and Superintendent of Education.

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